

ROSEMARY POOL

SUMMER 2016



Monday, June 20—Sunday, August 21

HOURS: 12:30PM—7:45PM

Monday, August 22—Friday, August 26

HOURS: 12:30PM—5:30PM

Rosemary Pool is located at 178 Rosemary Street

DIRECTIONS: From the center of Town, take Highland Avenue to Rosemary Street (Library on left). Turn left onto Rosemary Street, pass over the railroad tracks, and take next left into driveway entrance into lower parking lot. Upper lot is located on the left just before the driveway entrance.



Needham Park and Recreation

Public Service Administration Building | 500 Dedham Avenue | Needham MA 02492
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2016 Season Passes

Needham Resident "Early Bird" Rates

Available April 1 - May 27, 2016

Individual (age 2+)	\$ 90.00
Family	\$180.00
Senior Citizen (age 60+)	\$ 45.00

Needham Resident Seasonal Rates

Available May 31 - August 26, 2016

All mail-in registrations postmarked May 27 and later, charged regular season rates

Individual (age 2+)	\$110.00
Family	\$215.00
Senior Citizen (age 60+)	\$ 55.00

Non-Resident Seasonal Rates

Available April 1 - August 26, 2016

Individual (age 2+)	\$160.00
Family	\$310.00
Senior Citizen (age 60+)	\$ 80.00

Nanny, Caregiver, Long-term household visitor:

Add \$50/person to season pass

Family pass includes only those related individuals residing full time in the home (Needham residents must be on Town Census).

Guest Passes

Sheets of 10, one-time use passes, may be purchased at the pool or the Park and Recreation Office and used by anyone. Fill out before arriving to save time! **Only current year passes may be used.**

NEEDHAM RESIDENT	\$50 per sheet
NON-RESIDENT	\$70 per sheet

SAVE your receipts! The receipts may be turned in during the current season and used towards the purchase of a season pass.

Daily Admission

Everyone, ages 2 and older, who enters the Rosemary Pool Complex, must pay the daily or seasonal rate whether swimming or not.

Purchase daily admission at the booth during General Swim hours. Wrist bands will be given and must be worn. A 'Daily Information' form must be completed at time of purchase.

NEEDHAM RESIDENT

Individual (age 2+)	\$6.00/person/day
Senior Citizen (age 60+)	\$3.00/person/day
Individual After 6:00PM	\$3.00/person/day
Senior Citizen After 6:00PM	\$1.50/person/day

NON-RESIDENT

Individual (age 2+)	\$8.00/person/day
Senior Citizen (age 60+)	\$4.00/person/day
Individual After 6:00PM	\$3.00/person/day
Senior Citizen After 6:00PM	\$1.50/person/day

To Purchase Passes

By Mail: Send a list of all first and last name(s), children's ages, phone number, address, email address, and voting precinct.

Mail to: POOL PASSES
Park and Recreation
500 Dedham Avenue
Needham, MA 02492

Include a check to Town of Needham—Park and Recreation OR include a credit card number (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover), expiration date, CVC code, and signature of cardholder.

In Person: Visit the Park and Recreation Office at 500 Dedham Avenue (Public Service Administration Building). Monday—Friday, 8:30AM– 5:00PM.

There is NO online registration for Pool Passes.



Deep Water Test

In order to swim beyond the lane line, all children under the age of 18 must pass the Deep Water Test ***each season***.

The test is given during rest periods prior to 5:45pm and is meant to display strength and stamina *not* beauty of stroke. Supervisors may alter times as conditions dictate, and will make exceptions to testing times when proper amount of staff is on duty. Private tests available.

- (1) Jump into deep water**
- (2) Tread water for 30 seconds**
- (3) Float on back for 30 seconds**
- (4) Swim 45 yards with strong over arm stroke, face in water, breathing and kicking**

Any swimmer may retake the test as needed. The tester will give each swimmer who needs practice a guide sheet to assist with practicing. *Parents may not bring children into deep section to practice without permission of the Supervisor.*

Ask the Supervisor about the following assistance:

- **Practice Lanes**
- **Free Deep Water Test Clinics**
- **Private Tests, including during swim lessons**
- **Group Swim Lessons**

Stay Updated

All Rosemary Pool updates will be posted online, on Facebook, and emailed to the 'Recreation Information' Notify Me list.

www.needhamma.gov/parkandrecreation



You can receive Rosemary Pool updates right to your computer or cell phone! **Notify Me** is a notification system that will send you an e-mail or text with all Needham Park and Recreation updates!



Stay up to date on all Needham Park and Recreation news! Like 'Town of Needham – Park and Recreation' on Facebook!

Rosemary Pool Information & Rules

Accessibility: Accessible bathrooms are located near the outdoor water fountain. Ramp and wheelchair are available to access left-hand side of pool.

Adult Supervision: Children under the age of 10 must always be accompanied by an adult. At 5:45PM, all those under the age of 16 must leave the complex unless accompanied by an adult, age 18 or older. Adults must supervise children in pool and playground areas. Guards are responsible for guarding, not supervision.

Beach: Digging is permitted on side beaches, but not on front beach as it is a major walking path for patrons and staff. Do not sit in front of the Supervisor's chair so they may move quickly off the chair in the event of an emergency. Patrons sitting on the front beach must place chairs/towels against the wall to keep the walkway clear.

Benches: To be used for sitting, not as stairs.

Calendar: Check the building hallway for the listing of events, including swim meets, Friday Fun Nights, and swim lessons.

Clothing: Bathing suits are required in the water, and cut-offs are not permitted. Supervisor may give permission for extra clothing to be worn (i.e. t-shirts) for medical reasons.

Concession: Snack and soda machines are located on main level. Ice Cream is sold at the Booth.

Deck and Center Dock: For use by Staff only, or by staff-supervised patrons. Swimming is not permitted under center dock.

Diving: Permitted at diving board, only. The depth, when the pool is full, is only 9 feet, so feet-first entry is recommended, with no inward or handstand dive permitted. The area in front of the diving board must remain clear. The diving board is open when there is sufficient water depth in the pool. Follow rules set by guard on duty. The diving board is closed during Swim Meets.

First-Aid: Available at Supervisor's chair.

Flotation Devices: Not permitted for safety, including those sewn into suits. *Supervisor may give permission for use of equipment for swimmers with disabilities or for fitness.*

Food: Food should be eaten at designated picnic areas, and all trash should be placed in the proper receptacles.

Geese: Do not feed the geese. Daily attempts are made to scare them from the property, and daily clean-ups are done in the pool and on the grounds.

Lap Lanes: Available for swimming and water walking. Lanes are open during General Swim hours. One lane on left-hand side is made available during swim meets.

Lake: Swimming and private boating is not permitted in the lake.

Lifelines: Ropes that divide shallow and deep swim sections. Do not hang on or dive over lifelines.

Lost and Found: Items found will be held for one week at the Booth. Lost passes can be replaced for \$1.00 at Booth or Park and Recreation Office.

No Smoking: There is NO SMOKING at the Rosemary Pool Complex.

Not Permitted: *For safety and enjoyment of all patrons.*

- Swimmers with communicable diseases
- Diving over ropes
- Jumping off or onto others
- Rough play
- Hanging on others OR walls

Open Sections: An area is considered “Open for Swim” when a guard is sitting in a chair within that roped off section. Unguarded sections are closed and swimming is not allowed.

Parking: Park in an orderly manner in lower and upper lots, as close as possible to next vehicle. If both lots are full, use Memorial Park. Only those with proper signage may use handicap spots. Do not park in areas listed as “No Parking” areas. *There is NO PARKING in the driveway, on Rosemary Street, at the Library, in front of the dumpster, in designated staff spots, OR in any areas designated as emergency access to the Complex.*

Pool Water: Must remain in the pool. Water for beach games and washing available in the building.

Practice Lane: For youth practicing to pass the Deep Water Test. *Game playing in the practice lane may be approved by Supervisor, only on quiet days.*

Rosemary Pool Information & Rules (continued)

Questions: On site, questions are answered by Supervisors.

Rest Period: Held at quarter to each hour to give children time to come out of the water and regain strength. All those under the age of 18 must exit the pool. The lap lanes will remain open and guarded for adult swim.

Showers: Available outside the building and in Men's and Women's rooms. All swimmers are required to take cleansing showers before entering the pool.

Swim Diapers: Swim diapers or rubber pants are required to prevent fecal accidents in pool, which are a health concern for all swimmers. Swim diapers can be purchased at the Booth.

Sun Safety: Sunscreen is available at the Supervisor's chair. Umbrellas are available for use on the beach and on the hill. *Supervisor may give permission for t-shirts to be worn in water.*

Swim Lessons: Information available at the Park and Recreation Office and Booth. Must register at the Park and Recreation Office.

Swim Meets: Normally held on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, at which time the lap section and diving board are closed. Check the hallway calendar for dates.

Toys: Not permitted in water for safety of all swimmers. Toys may be used on the side beach areas, within guidelines set by Supervisor.

Temporary Pool Closures

The entire pool complex will close on **weekdays** from **12:00pm to 12:30pm** as staff transfers from swim lessons to General Swim. All patrons must exit the area until the main gate opens for General Swim. A picnic table is available outside of the complex for use during this time.

The pool will also close for the following safety reasons:

- For 30 minutes from last occurrence of lightning and/or thunder
- When capacity of patrons is reached
- After runny fecal accident
- For clean-up after extreme inclement weather
- In emergency situations
- Due to staff shortage

HISTORY OF ROSEMARY POOL

Rosemary Pool opened in July of 1972. Needham residents had been swimming in Rosemary Lake, a man-made lake, since the early 1930's, but the lake closed in 1969 due to poor visibility conditions. Rosemary Pool was meant to be temporary, but has been maintained in working condition since that time. Since 1972, the lake and pool have been drained annually to do the required pre-season maintenance work in the pool – and 2016 will be the final year for this draining. Wildlife has adapted and thrived during this time, and the lake has been shown to be healthier than other nearby ponds. DPW has completed projects that clean the water entering the lake, and will next work on removing sediment from the lake bottom.



THE NEW ROSEMARY POOL

Park and Recreation is still under design for an outdoor pool replacement. Initial funding was received in May 2015 for design, and follow-up funding is requested at May 2016 Town Meeting. The next phase is to apply for permits, and then request construction funds in May 2017. If funding is received, the current pool will open in June 2017 until mid-August, and then shut down for construction, so that the new facility will be ready in Summer 2018.

The plan is to have two outdoor pools—a recreation pool for children with a slide, and two long lanes for water walking/fitness swimming. The second pool will have 8 regulation length lap lanes, and a diving board. We hope to add a splash pad next to the pool, with a longer season than the pool. The building will be rebuilt with the bathhouse and entrance at the lower level. The parking areas and driveway will be rebuilt. It is hoped that there will be a program room on the 2nd floor, along with the Park and Recreation Department offices.

There are still many decisions to be made, and support for the new venture will be needed as Town Meeting is asked to support this community asset.

